

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9134  
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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PBOR, MOPS, MILI, SY, LE, IS  
SUBJ: ACTIONS IN LEBANON

REF: STATE 200854

1. WE HAVE TALKED WITH FONMIN KHADDAM'S PERSONAL SECRETARY ABOUT PROTOCOL OF HAVING AMBASSADOR MAKE APPROACH (REFTEL) EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NOT YET PRESENTED CREDENTIALS. SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD CHECK ON POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AMBASSADOR PAY INITIAL COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER THEN CONTINUE TO DISCUSSION OF LEBANESE SITUATION IN SAME MEETING. HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY APPOINTMENT COULD BE SET BEFORE  
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AUGUST 10.

2. IF SYRIAN OBJECT FOR PROTOCOL REASONS TO SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, PELLETTREAU WILL MAKE PRESENTATION. IF KHADDAM UNAVAILABLE UNTIL WEEKEND, WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE TO WAIT FOR APPOINTMENT WITH HIM RATHER THAN MAKING DEMARCHE TO LOWER RANKING OFFICIAL. HIS

RESPONSE WILL BE MORE DIRECT AND AUTHORITATIVE AND  
MEETING WOULD ALSO AFFORD OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION HIM  
RE RESULTS OF HIS IHDEN VISIT AUGUST 8.  
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